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REPORT NO.1. Location: See references.2. Designation: Stalin Plant.3. Observed Aircraft:

a. A jet fighter was seen flying every day in fair weather. It took off from and landed at the factory field. According to Soviets, only this type was produced in quantity. Description (see Annex):

Swept-back low-wing monoplane, jet engine fitted in fuselage, nose wheel, main landing gear retracts inward; it was particularly noted that the shock absorber struts for the wheels had a strong bend, at the nose wheel to the forward and at the main landing gear to the rearward. Single rudder assembly, square, strongly inclined to the rearward; elevator assembly fitted on top of rudder assembly, square-shaped.

b. Slim fuselage of oval cross section, two cabins projecting only about 10 inches above fuselage were seen; crew of two. Source expressly stated that he distinctly saw the two pilots in dives. Individual aircraft of this type were fitted with antenna rods about 6 feet high. A wire connection to the rudder assembly was not always observed.

4. The test pilots wore civilian clothing, which gave rise to the rumor that they were Germans.

5. The great maneuverability of the aircraft was surprising.

1 Annex: Jet Fighter Observed Over GORKI

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